

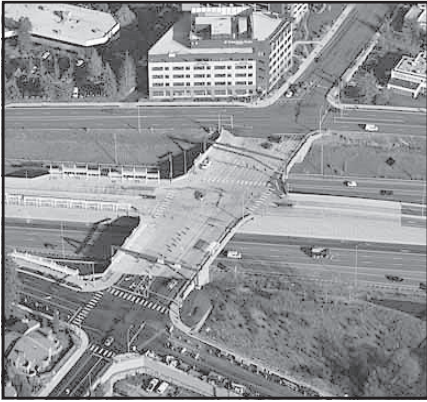
# CITY UPDATE

December 2007

## In, Around and About Town

Several city sponsored activities, private development proposals and transportation projects are happening now, wrapping up or about to begin.

Sound Transit and Washington Department of Transportation has fully opened the **NE 128th Street Bridge** and extended the closure of **116th Avenue NE**. Information on the Totem Lake Freeway Station project, including transit service, can be found at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/totem-lake](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i405/totem-lake).



**Aerial view of the NE 128th Street Bridge (WSDOT photo)**

As part of the **Emergency Sewer Program**, sanitary sewer main will be installed along portions of several streets in the South Rose Hill and South Juanita neighborhoods to provide a means for property owners who are currently served by septic systems to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system. For more information about the project locations, go to [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us) or call 425-587-3830.

The **Annual Street Preservation Program** maintains and rehabilitates the City's street network through subgrade repair, grinding, and application of a new surface layer of asphalt to selected streets. This year's program resulted in the resurfacing of approximately

### What's on the web?

The City offers several email subscription services as a convenient way to receive current information about programs, events, and opportunities to get involved. To view the available list serves, go to [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us) and select "Most Requested, Sign Up for a News List."

New to the City's "e-news" is the **Kirkland Green E-Updates**. Receive tips on how to make recycling, sustainability and other environmentally friendly practices a part of your green living.

A popular subscription is the **Neighborhood E-Bulletin** – a great source of "what's happening now" information. Subscribe to the **City Council Agendas** and receive notice when the preliminary agenda has been posted to the website. Meeting notices about master plan updates and private development proposals are also available via email. Subscribe today!



**Street Preservation Program: NE 70th Street looking West from 132nd Avenue**

three centerline miles (approximately 9.2 lane miles) of roadway in three neighborhoods throughout the City. Construction included the installation of new curb ramps, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the replacement of adjacent broken curb and sidewalk panels in addition to the repaving.

In June the City Council approved **increasing the transportation and**

**park impact fees** that are collected on new development or a change in use. Impact fees are paid by developers to off set the cost of new public facilities that are needed to accommodate higher travel demand and an increased need for parks. The increase becomes effective February 1, 2008. Go to [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/Public\\_Works/Fees.htm](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/Public_Works/Fees.htm) for more information.

### Merrill Gardens and Rotary Club Donations Make Park and Community Center Enhancements Possible

Heritage Park and the Peter Kirk Community Center will soon see enhancements thanks to generous donations from the Rotary Club of Kirkland and Merrill Gardens of Kirkland.

The \$36,500 donation from the Rotary Club will fund the construction of an arbor structure (conceptual design pictured right) in the Centennial Garden at Heritage Park. Construction is expected to be completed in early Spring 2008. A formal dedication ceremony for the park is planned following completion.



Merrill Gardens of Kirkland has donated \$38,000 for facility enhancements at the Peter Kirk Community Center.



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### 'Tis the Season to Be Safe

From toys to travel, candles to cooking, and decorations to driving, the Kirkland Fire and Police Departments remind you to think "safety first" during this holiday season.

Most kids (young and old) would agree that gift giving and receiving is a favorite past time during the holidays. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission encourages you to select age appropriate gifts and to read the safety recommendations. Avoid toys for children under age six that have magnets, toys with small parts for children under age three and toys that have projectile parts that could cause injury.

Child safety advocacy organizations advise parents and guardians to talk to children about safety before traveling, shopping at busy malls and attending public celebrations. It's easy for children to become separated from their parents at crowded events and places. Parents and children should have a plan to meet at a pre-designated place. Children should be supervised at all times.

Keeping the holidays happy should include reducing fire hazards with the proper use of fresh and artificial trees, decorations, candles and lights. If you have a real tree, water it daily, ensure that it is secured in a sturdy tree stand and place it away from traffic areas, heating vents, fireplaces and burning candles. Holiday decorations (i.e. garland, artificial trees) should be nonflammable or flame-retardant. Use lights that are certified by a recognized organization (CSA, UL or cUL), inspect them for frayed wires and broken sockets before installation and turn off lights when possible. If you find yourself having to climb a ladder to hang decorations, have someone steady the ladder.

Holiday entertaining usually means cooking for family and friends, work potlucks and school activities. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services advocates the four rules for safe holiday cooking: clean, separate, cook and chill. For more information, go to [www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/](http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/). Avoid two of the most common causes of house fires by staying with any food being cooked on the stove and keeping candles lit only when someone is within site of them. If alcohol is a part of your celebration, please be a responsible host and guest and limit the amount served and consumed.

### CONSERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH:

- ◆ Try to keep your showers to a reasonable time. Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month!
- ◆ Wash your car at a commercial car wash. You'll save water and keep pollutants out of local lakes and streams.
- ◆ A limited supply of conservation kits is available. Please call (425) 587-3907 for details.



For a complete list of water saving suggestions,  
visit [www.cascadewater.org](http://www.cascadewater.org).